# OPINION 1857

## *Metablastothrix* Sugonjaev, 1964 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): *Blastothrix isomorpha* Sugonjaev, 1964 designated as the type species

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### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Metablastothrix* Sugonjaev, 1964 are hereby set aside and *Blastothrix isomorpha* Sugonjaev, 1964 is designated as the type species.

(2) The name *Metablastothrix* Sugonjaev, 1964 (gender: feminine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Blastothrix isomorpha* Sugonjaev, 1964, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *isomorpha* Sugonjaev, 1964, as published in the binomen *Blastothrix* (*Metablastothrix*) *isomorpha* (specific name of the type species of *Metablastothrix* Sugonjaev, 1964), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

### History of Case 2916

An application for the designation of *Blastothrix* (*Metablastothrix*) *isomorpha* Sugonjaev, 1964 as the type species of *Metablastothrix* Sugonjaev, 1964 was received from Dr Natalia D. Voinovich, Prof Vladimir A. Trjapitzin and Dr Eugeny S. Sugonjaev (*Zoological Institute, Russian Academy of Sciences, St Petersburg, Russia*) on 22 November 1993. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **52**: 54–56 (March 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **52**: 55. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 21: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — 1: Štys.

Bouchet abstained.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Bouchet commented: 'The application does not give the valid name for the misidentified type species of *Metablastothrix* Sugonjaev, 1964. It would perhaps be more convenient to have the species from St Petersburg which was studied by Sugonjaev as the type, rather than the less easily accessible *B. isomorpha* from Kazakhstan. Furthermore, the biology of Sugonjaev's misidentified species is known, but the application fails to mention if it is also known for *B. isomorpha*. I consider

that the data in the application are insufficient for an informed decision and I therefore abstain'. Štys commented: 'There should be a statement of what, in the view of the authors, is the specific identity of *Microterys truncatipennis* sensu Sugonjaev (1964), non Ferrière (1955). They leave the formerly designated misidentified type species without identity'.

## Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*isomorpha*, *Blastothrix* (*Metablastothrix*), Sugonjaev, 1964, *Entomologicheskoe Obozrenie*, **43**(2): 371.

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